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Since its establishment on 15 April 1995, the United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS) has been assisting my efforts to advance the cause of peace and reconciliation in Somalia through contacts with Somali leaders, civic organizations and the States and organizations concerned. UNPOS has also monitored closely the situation in and relating to Somalia and assisted me in providing periodic briefings and written reports to the Council.

In the past year, UNPOS has been actively engaged in efforts to support the Somali National Reconciliation Conference under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development. Furthermore, as indicated in my report dated 13 October 2003 (S/2003/987), UNPOS and the United Nations country team are actively developing a peace-building plan to be implemented in Somalia once a definitive agreement is reached at the Conference.

Once an agreement has been reached and the security situation improves, I will submit a proposal on the establishment of a peace-building office in Somalia, which will include adjustments that may be needed to the mandate of UNPOS. It is my intention to continue the activities of UNPOS at the current resource level for the biennium 2004-2005.

I should be grateful if you could bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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